FORM B - Building

Massachusetts Historical Commission Massachusetts Archives Building 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, Massachusetts 02125 113-72

USGS Quad

318

Form Number

Area(s)

Town Groton

Map and Lot#

Place (neighborhood or village)

Groton Center

Photograph

(3"x3" or 3-1/2x5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.

Roll Negative(s)

Address 25 Court Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1840

Source May, "Houses", p. 12-13

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Split granite

Wall/Trim Wood clapboard

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/secondary structure

Sketch Map

North Toward Top

113-68

20 113-80

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21 113-71

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31 113-72

179 113-63

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22 113-58

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Excellent

Moved no ☐ yes ✓ Date 1875

Acreage .29

Setting Town Center

Organization Groton Historical Commission

Date (month/year) 12/07

Recorded by Sanford Johnson

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

- * The house at 25 Court Street is a 3x2-bay, 2 1/2-story, side-gabled form with elements of the Greek Revival style; the south side elevation is expanded by a 2-story bay window while the rear is enlarged by a gabled ell with north side porch oriented perpendicular to the main block; the façade of the main block has the appearance of a half-house possibly intended to be enlarged after initial construction to a 5-bay design
- * Decorative features are the corner boards, gable returns and molded cornice
- * Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with the first story of the north elevation left unfenestrated; one upper opening remains filled but appears to be framed in place;
- * The off-center entry is recessed and has classical trim including cornice and paneled pilasters
- * A slim center brick chimney rises from the roof ridge
- * The house is well-maintained and is one of a small number of half-house plans in Groton; the scale is larger than some others on side streets in Groton Center but typical for those built on Main Street

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see continuation sheets

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners /occupants played within the community.

The 1847 map of Groton Center by Caleb Butler indicates the eastern end of Court Street was in place but it had not been built as far west as the location of 25 Court Street. The Groton Historian Virginia May lived in this house with her family from 1921-1953. She states that the house was part of a house on Main Street south of the Congregational Parsonage and was moved here in 1873 or 1875 after serving as part of the Globe Hotel. Subsequent owners were Mrs. Rand and the Misses Abbie and Carrie Woods in 1875 and 1889. Carrie Woods occupied the house until her death in 1919. By 1921, the footprint of the house had been built to its current configuration. The 1930 owner was L. H. Woods. George Wheatley, Jr. was the owner after 1956.

BIBLIOGRAPHY	and/or	REFER	RENCES
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1856 Walling map of Middlesex County; 1875 Beers atlas; 1889 Walker atlas; 1832 and 1847 Butler maps; 1939 WPA map; Butler's 1829 field notes; Federal census agricultural schedules, 1850-1880; Previous GHC Research; 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; Resident Directories, 1888, 1918, 1929;1930 Somes map; 1855, 1865 state census; May, "Houses" pp. 12-13, 30;

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement Form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Property Address

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